

## **Khushal Welfare Society (KWS)**

The CBO Khushal Welfare Society, village Sher Mast, UC Kakki II, Tehsil Kakki, District Bannu was established on 2009 under CMDO-PPAF social mobilization project to improve human and institutional capacity in the area. Besides being active in their own organization the members of this CBO were also helpful in the formation, organization, and capacity building of women CBOs in the area. Four male trainings and two female trainings in Community Management Skills Training (CMST) and Leadership Management Skills Training (LMST) were conducted by CMDO. The trainings were meant to enhance the human and institutional capacity at the grassroots level and help the CBO identify, prioritize their problems and mobilize support and resources required for development projects in their area. These trainings also helped the purpose of transparency, accountability and democracy in the management of development projects by the CBO in the area.

In addition, vocational skills training were organized and conducted for less educated, less qualified, unemployed youth, both men and women on computer, draftsman, electrician (*TV radio refrigerator, AC*), mason, carpenter etc. The trained beneficiaries, especially youth are able to earn their livelihood and have reduced their dependency on parents.

A government regulated project i.e. Barani Area Development Project (BADP) was contacted to secure Donga jaat for agriculture land. To the benefit of the local farmers agriculture plots were secured / demonstrated / on self help basis for wheat and maize. The CBO supported the BISP initiative in collecting poverty data on their own tool. 100 percent of the village was fallen in “poor category” and become eligible for financial support. They are interacting with BISP regional office on a regular basis for correction of mistakes in details of the poor and providing similar support as and when needed.

The CBO also worked to influence and facilitate people of the area for having registration with NADRA for CNIC and the right to vote. It made efforts to reduce negative trends by way of influencing community leaders and men and making the point that the exercise of vote was a fundamental right both for men and women. The members of KWS have worked and are working in tandem with polio staff. It has worked with refusal cases and convinced a number of refusal cases for the administration of polio drops to their children. KWS was successful in influencing religious leaders and parents and enabled the provision of polio drops. KWS also engaged in the evacuation, rescue, and protection of the flood affected people, livestock, and belongings. These people were evacuated, provided food, beddings, and shelter. The CBO has helped people in obtaining disabled certificate for I20 men, women, and children from Social Welfare department and the district hospital in addition to their registration with NADRA as special persons. The members of the CBO collected 25000 as charity for the support of a widow who later established a shop and is now earning a decent and steady income. She has established a profitable business and is now doing cloth business. The CBO is also working for enrollment of out of school children and finding support for the school books, uniform, and stationery for poor children. KWS conducted a survey on drugs /narcotics which can be used by any agency intending to intervene in the sector. It has facilitated a medical camp for eyes treatment.

KWS has demonstrated that given grassroots volunteerism and activism little external help can achieve the objective of an effective local level leadership that can exercise the right to demand other rights and entitlements. They can mobilize resources for grassroots development. They have full grasp of the cause of development in their own community and the programs led by the government and United Nations etc. This is precisely the reason where they provide all out support to agencies and programs such as the BISP, Polio, malaria, MNCH, etc. They understand the challenges and work in an appropriate context. The CBO is active part of the local LSO.